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TO CJTF SEVEN ENIWETOK MI

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FOR LUEDECKE INFO LEDOUX, PARKER FROM STARBIRD. SUBJECT IS REQUEST FOR VISIT OF THE FIFTH MEDICAL MISSION TO ENIWETOK AND RONGELAP. ON THE RETURN OF THE FIFTH MEDICAL MISSION IN MARCH 1958 IMPORTANT BIOLOGICAL DATA AND EQUIPMENT WERE LOST WHEN A MATS C-97 TRANSPORT PLANE HAD TO JETTISON ITS CARGO, THUS NECESSITATING A FUTURE RETURN OF THE GROUP TO RONGELAP TO COMPLETE A RESURVEY OF THE RONGELAP ISLAND NATIVES. PERSONNEL IN THE GROUP ARE: DR ROBERT A CONARD, DR J S ROBERTSON AND MR D W POTTER, ALL OF BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY. THE DATA WHICH WERE LOST ARE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO WARRANT EVERY EFFORT TO RE-SECURE WHILE THE RADIOACTIVITY OF RONGELAP AND NEARBY ISLANDS REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS DURING THE PRECEDING SURVEY. ADDITIONALLY, THE DATA IS NEEDED TO BE INCLUDED IN AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE MARSHALLESE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN JUNE, 1958. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT CAN BE OBTAINED BY THE SECOND WEEK IN MAY AND THE GROUP DESIRES TO ARRIVE WITH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AT ENIWETOK BY 18-20 MAY. THE GROUP WOULD REQUIRE ONE WEEK TO 10 DAYS AT ENIWETOK AND RONGELAP IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TESTS.

THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE THE REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AT ENIWETOK:

- A. USE OF 1 JTF ASSIGNED LST FOR A WEEK TO 10 DAYS.
- B. THE LOADING OF THE 21 TON STEEL ROOM ON TO THE TANK DECK OF THE LST AT ENIWETOK.
- C. IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO HAVE A TEMPORARY SHOWER STALL INSTALLED ON THE LST TANK DECK FORWARD OF THE STEEL ROOM FOR DECONTAMINATION PURPOSES. IF NOT PRACTICABLE, USE OF A NEARBY EXISTING SHOWER FACILITY WOULD BE REQUIRED.

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WOULD BE REQUIRED.

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- D. IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF THE SHIP NOT REPEAT NOT BE UNDULY HIGH.
- E. AUTHORIZATION FOR MATS TRAVEL FOR 3 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM AND APPROXIMATELY 35 HUND LBS OF ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT BETWEEN HICKAM AND ENIWETOK. COMMERCIAL AIR IS PLANNED FROM NEW YORK TO HAWAII.
- F. CLEARANCES FOR THE 3 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM TO ENTER THE ENIWETOK AREA AND INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS TO TRAVEL TO EPG. DRS CONARD AND ROBERTSON HAVE "Q" CLEARANCES AND MR POTTER HAS AN "LIMA" CLEARANCE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT LT COL SVENBACH, SURGEON, AFSWP, HAS ALREADY CONTACTED CERTAIN MEMBERS OF JTF-7 TO EXPRESS AFSWP APOS SIERRA INTEREST IN ASSURING THE SUCESS OF THIS MISSION. COPY OF A LETTER FROM DR CONARD TO DR BRUNER, AEC, WAS FURNISHED LT COL THOMAS GIBSON, WHO WAS TO HAND-CARRY IT TO THE EPG. ELABORATION OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS IS CONTAINED THEREIN.

REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS, AND APPROVAL IF YOU CONSIDER FEASIBLE SO THAT DR CONARD CAN BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY. END REF:MAT:SHS

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